[English]

Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

4419. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item, appearing "JANSATTA" of December 2, 1991 about the alleged corruption charges against the Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted into the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) to (d). Government had earlier received the allegations contained in the news-items published in the 'JANSATTA' of 2.12.91 and enquired into them. Action on some of them is under process.

Disease in Bee-Hives

4420. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that bee-hives are empty due to a severe disease known as "European Foul Brod"; and

(b) the steps proposed for abatement of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) The disease "European Foul Brood" was noticed for the first time in Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra in 1970 and then it spread to Castle Rock in the State of Karnataka, Recently a survey by KVIC has revealed that certain parts of Kerala have been affected by the above disease.

(b) This disease can be cured by the use of terramycin given through sugar syrup and it is found to be the most effective medicine for the purpose. The disease can be further contained by taking the following steps:

(i) Uniting the weak colonies to augment strength.

(ii) Proper care during dearth, like feeding the colonies with artificial sugar syrup or migration of colonies to rich forage areas, etc.

(iii) Dequeening for a few days following by requeening with healthy queen, thus giving an opportunity to the bees to clean their colonies.

(iv) Isolation of infected colonies.

(v) Restrictions on exchange of combs or equipment.

(vi) Bees should not be fed or exposed to honey in the raw form.

(vii) For feeding the honey from diseased colonies to the bees of other colonies it is necessary that it should be properly heated for atleast thirty minutes in water bath at 90 Deg.C.

(viii) Sterilising the equipment by using formalin or carbolic acid (phenol) and drying them before use.

(ix) Restrictions on indiscrete movement of colonies from affected areas to other parts.

(x) Check on Robbing, Drifting, etc. by